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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2008.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,8,10 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1,3,4,10 and 16 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 6 and 8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on May 19, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16 are pending. Claims 5, 9, 11-15 are canceled and claims 1, 6, 10 are amended by the applicant. Claim 16 is newly added claim by the applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 6 recites, "A device for detecting point correspondences between a first set of points and a second sets of points, comprising: a means for finding...; a means for finding....; a means for combining.....; a means for determining...; a means for sorting....; a means for creating....; a means for determining....". The claimed device direct to software modules **[specification page 5, lines 11-12 "The means 7 to 18 may also be implemented in the form of suitable software modules"]** (Absence of an explicit and deliberate definition in the specification that the means for must be implemented in hardware or a combination of hardware/software) which do not show the physical transformation. Therefore, the claimed "device" would amount to computer

programs, a type of functional descriptive material, per se. As such, the claimed device must include the hardware necessary to realize any of the functionality of the claimed modules and produce a useful, concrete and tangible result. Absent recitation of such hardware as part of the claimed system, it is considered non-statutory.

Claim 8 depend on claim 6, therefore they are rejected with the same rationale applied against claim 6 above.

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's amendment filed on May 19, 2008 has been fully considered and entered. Claims 1, 10 have been modified to correct the 35 U.S.C. 101 issue. The newly amended claims 1 and 10 overcome such deficiency. However, upon further consideration, Claim 6 contains the non-statutory subject matter and therefore, it is rejected under the 35 U.S.C. 101. See rejection above.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 16 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIRAV PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-5936. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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